MINUTES OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL FEE ADVISORY BOARD IWCC, ORAL ARGUMENT ROOM, 100 W. RANDOLPH ST #8-200, CHICAGO HELD ON JUNE 14, 2011

Present at the meeting:

Chairman Mitch Weisz

Ms. Maddy Bowling, Maddy Bowling & Associates

Ms. Lisa Mackey (for Dr. Jesse Butler), Spine Consultants

Ms. Kimberly Moreland, Rising Medical Solutions

Mr. John Smolk, United Airlines

Attending Via Conference Call

Mr. Glen Boyle, Medical Fee Schedule Project Manager

Mr. Bill McAndrew, Illinois Hospital Association

Also attending:

Mr. Mark Flannery, Caterpillar Inc., WCAB

Ms. Amy Masters, Secretary of the Commission

Mr. David Menchetti, Cullen, Haskins, Nicholson, & Menchetti, WCAB

Ms. Susan Piha, Research and Education Manager

Mr. Darrell Widen, Assistant General Counsel

Chairman Weisz called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

The meeting notice and agenda and minutes from November 17, 2010 meeting were distributed to the board.

Upon motion duly made by John Smolk, seconded by Kim Moreland, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the Medical Fee Advisory board meeting held on November 17, 2010, were approved.

Chairman Weisz reviewed workers' compensation reform legislation related to the medical fee schedule. Mr. Glen Boyle discussed implementation process and timeline for fee reductions, creation of physician and hospital regions, preferred provider program, and implant billing. The board discussed methodology, implementation, and timelines for the reforms.

The board discussed issues related to Mr. Boyle's contract status. Other issues discussed involved the new Act such as, designation of accreditation for ambulatory surgery treatment, determination of average wholesale price of physician dispensed prescriptions, and application of regions to ambulatory surgical treatment centers.

The board also discussed utilization review programs, appeals, and the role of the Illinois Department of Insurance to review utilization review complaints.

Mr. John Smolk recommended additional meetings be scheduled to review and discuss implementation. Chairman Weisz agreed, and encouraged feedback from everyone.

With no further business and motion made, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.